

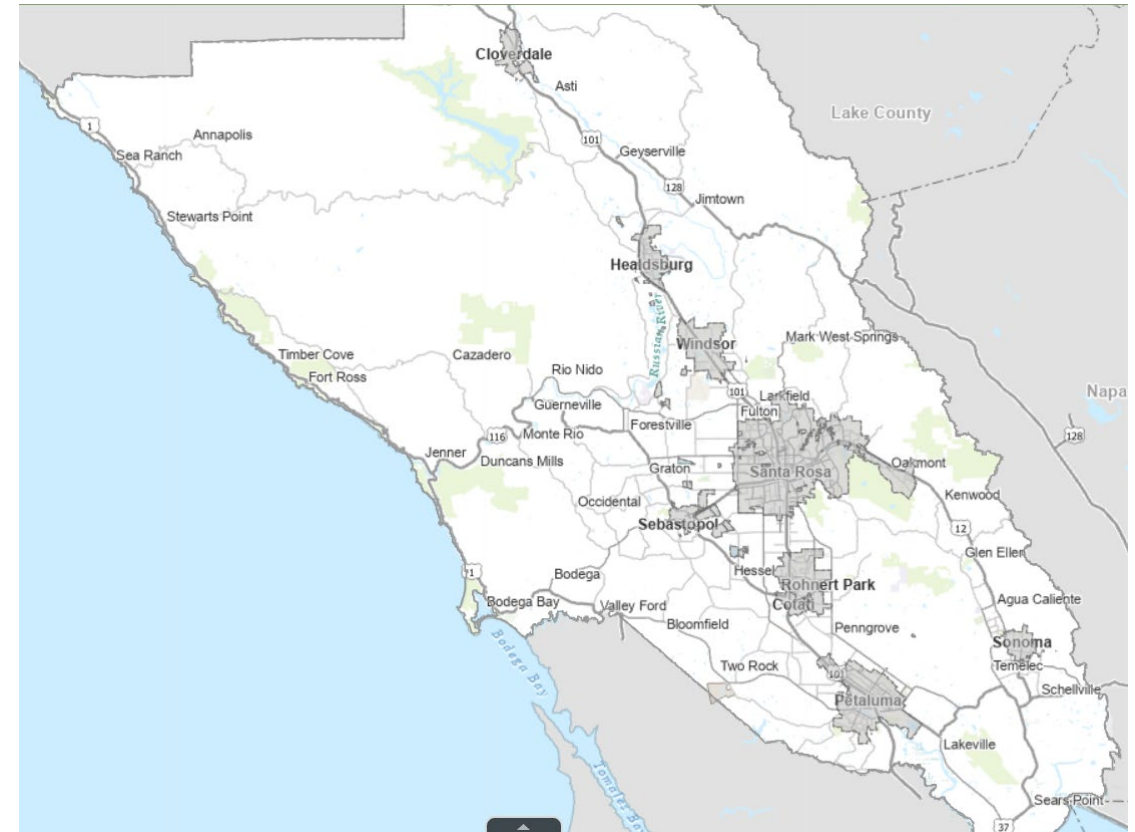


# Unincorporated Governance Ad Hoc Committee Recommended Work Efforts

February 6, 2024

# Recommended Action

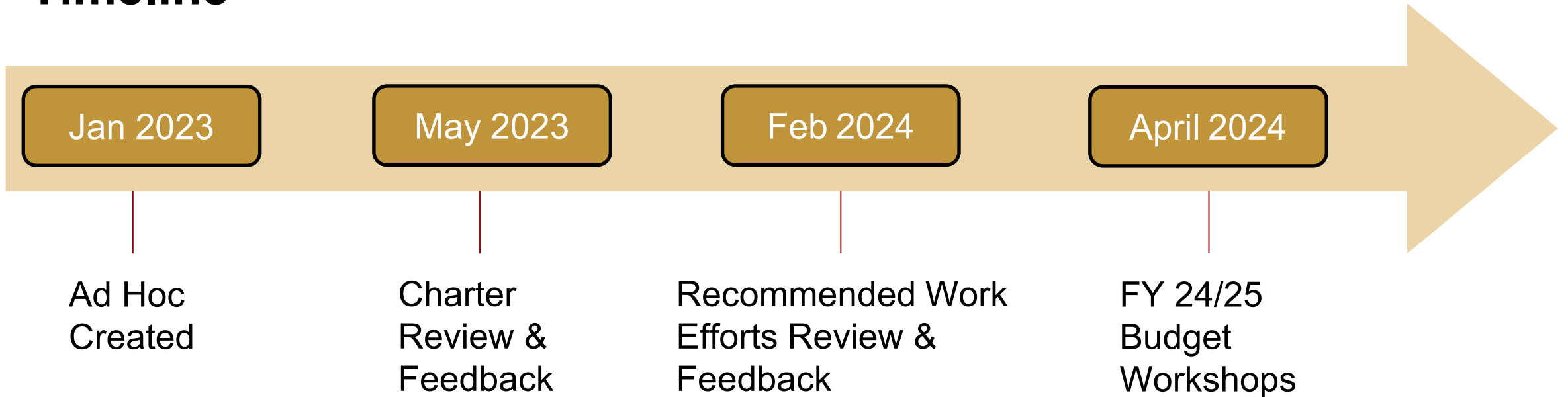
Provide staff direction regarding the Unincorporated Governance Ad Hoc Committee's work efforts recommendations.



# Unincorporated Governance Ad Hoc

**Ad Hoc Members:** Supervisor Gorin & Supervisor Hopkins

## Timeline



# Unincorporated Governance Ad Hoc

## Ad Hoc Committee Activities

- Potential work efforts identification & scoping
- Parks mapping analysis tool preview (Ag + Open Space & Regional Parks)
- Bike lane roundtable conversation (Regional Parks & Sonoma County Public Infrastructure)
- August 16, 2023 listening session with Municipal Advisory Council and district representatives



# Ad Hoc Recommended Work Efforts

## 1. Explore options for potential Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (~\$650,000)

- A separate government entity within a designated district boundary
- A type of special tax increment financing district
- Uses a portion of property tax increment revenues to finance public infrastructure for community-wide benefit
- No new taxes
- Key activities: Assess interest, fiscal analysis, feasibility studies, community engagement



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## 2. Explore establishing new county Service Area zone of benefit to finance parks & plazas (~\$148,000)

- County Service Area (CSA) 41
- Expanded service levels in unincorporated areas where residents are willing to pay for the extra service
- Opportunity to fund new neighborhood parks and plazas
- Key Activities: Mapping, fiscal analysis, community engagement, analysis of policy options



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## 3. Legislative advocacy to remove barriers to incorporation

- No new cities incorporated since 2011
- Key Activities: Work with Legislative staff to add to County's legislative platform



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## 4. Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) best practice review & knowledge sharing convenings (~\$25,000)

- MACs to serve as a mechanism to increase communication between the County and unincorporated residents on local government decisions affecting their community
- Key Activities: Review the County's current MAC practices, research best practices from other jurisdictions, identify opportunities for improvement, & initiate quarterly All-MAC convenings





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## 5. Consider program to enhance school outdoor recreation facilities (~\$50,000)

- Potential opportunity to work with schools to increase public access to school recreation facilities outside of school hours
- Level of interest from schools and community: to be determined
- Key Activities: School district outreach to determine interest, identification of funding options, community engagement



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## 6. Create inventory of current County Safety Net services (~\$50,000)

- Increase awareness about existing County services
- Geographic distribution of service recipients
- Key Activities: Compile zip code data of current clients, compare data with Portrait of Sonoma, identify potential service gaps

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## 7. Grant technical assistance for community organizations

- Examples of technical assistance:
  - 1) Pre-application Assistance
  - 2) Application Assistance
  - 3) Reporting & Compliance Assistance
- County examples: Ag + Open Space Matching Grant Program & American Rescue Plan Act
- Key Activities: Monitor current grant technical assistance provided by the County, explore strategies to increase grant technical assistance for community-based organizations

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## 8. Continue to assess options for Navigator job classification

- Connecting individuals to County services
- Key Activities: Human Resources continue to support departments interested in creating navigator positions

